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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application for:

Yi-Xiong Zhou

Serial No.: 10/686,499

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
AUTOMATICALLY ANALYZING  
GENE EXPRESSION SPOTS IN A  
MICROARRAY

Examiner: Borin, Michael L.

Group Art Unit: 1631

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated 9/21/2006. This extension will extend the time the response is due from 9/21/2006 to 3/21/2007.

- ☒ A three-month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$510.00 (Small Entity).
- ☒ A credit card payment is submitted herewith.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-3804** referencing docket no. BDIO.P0002.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 21, 2007

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